

REMARKS

Formal drawings are submitted herewith. Approval by the Examiner is requested.

The informalities in the specification are hereby corrected.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 4, 10, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishihara US Pat. No. 6,226,004B1.

Claims 4, 6-7, 10, 12-13 herewith are amended. Claims 5, 11, and 20 have been canceled.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is requested for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a method for generating an image transform for modifying a digital image, that includes:

- a) detecting a vanishing point related to the selected image;
- b) determining a preferable vanishing point location; and
- c) generating an image transform based on the vanishing point location and the preferable vanishing point location.

Independent claims 4 and 10 have been amended to include defining predetermined criteria as a threshold operation to select a vanishing point that is greater than a predetermined distance from the center of the image. The definition was formerly found in dependent claims 5 and 11, respectively, and said claims were considered allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has adhered to the Examiner's suggestion. As a result of the aforementioned amendments to claim 4 and 10 and the subsequent canceling of claims 5 and 11, dependent claims 6-7 and 12-13 were amended to depend from respective independent claims 4 and 11.

The specification was amended to address Examiner's objection and clearly state that the angles γ are a plurality of angles between the vector v_{Gxy} and both the positive and negative vertical axes of the image. Furthermore, the specification was amended to remove any confusion around the rotation direction of an original image versus the subsequent opposite rotation necessary to correct the original image and thereby generate a corrected image.

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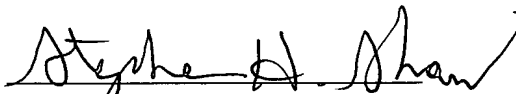
As a consequence of addressing the objected claims, 5, 9, and 20, the Applicant believes that amended claims 4, 10, and 19 are novel and allowable over the cited art and such allowance is respectfully requested. Additionally, dependent claims from the aforesaid claims 4 and 10 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim upon which they are based; as are the respective computer readable medium claims based upon the claimed methods thereof.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,

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